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# MY KYLE WAS SO CARING

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THE girlfriend of knife victim Kyle Byfield told how much she would miss her "charming prankster" and how the couple had planned on building their future together before his death.

Mr Byfield, 23, died at the Horton Hospital on April 16 after being found in Jubilee Court, Banbury, with stab wounds.

Speaking at a charity football tournament on Sunday, which had been organised by school friends in his memory, Laurie Peach, 27, who had been in a relationship with Mr Byfield for 18 months, said: "He touched everyone's hearts. He was charming, a prankster and fun to be around. We had lots planned. We hoped to have a child next year. He was always very caring and always put me first."

The event took place at Broughton and North Newington Football Club, near Broughton, one of the many clubs popular Mr Byfield had played for.

It was attended by friends and family, and saw three teams play against each other.

Miss Peach said: "The community has pulled together as a strong unit. The family couldn't have got through it without the support that has been shown."

Mr Byfield's mother Roni, 49, and father Alan, 52, tragically lost their eight-year-old daughter Aleah to an asthma attack in 2005.

Mrs Byfield said of her son: "He was always happy and always smiling. He loved clothes and shoes, and was just a fun-loving happy chap who was always joking and teasing and always coming up with silly pranks."

Father Alan Byfield added: "He was just a really loving son, I will miss him."

The football tournament was organised by Mr Byfield's school friends, sisters Loretta Sawers, 24, Bethany Sawers, 22, and Bronte Sawers, 20, who had attended Blessed George Napier School in Banbury with him.

Players paid £10 and visitors got in for £5. The money raised is to be donated to Mr Byfield's funeral -



Knife victim Kyle Byfield's girlfriend, Laurie Peach, with his parents Roni and Alan

the date for which has yet to be set - and a charity.

Loretta Sawers said: "The family have been through a lot and we just wanted them to see how much Kyle was loved. We thought it would be nice for everyone to come together to celebrate his life after he was taken so tragically."

"We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who came and all the businesses in Banbury which have supported the event."

Jack Goode, Mr Byfield's friend who played in one of the teams added: "It was a great turnout and showed how much the community cared about him."

"He was a well-known lad and a very nice guy."

Mr Byfield's friend Steven Hunt, 26, kicked off the fundraising campaign for Mr Byfield on a Go Fund Me website where the total has now reached £4,720.

On Wednesday of last week, Oxfordshire coroner Darren Salter opened an inquest into Mr Byfield's death at Oxford Coroner's Court, Oxford.

Mr Salter gave details from a post-mortem examination report by Dr Alexander Kolar in which the pathologist said the factory production worker died after "stab wounds to the chest".

Natasha Capell, of Jubilee Court, has been charged with Mr Byfield's murder. The 26-year-old is expected to give her plea when she appears at Oxford Crown Court on July 17. She had been remanded in custody.

To donate to the fundraising campaign, visit [gofundme.com/sa2d3u4v](http://gofundme.com/sa2d3u4v)

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## Coconut bra goes on tour to boost cancer hospice

A MIDNIGHT walk to raise funds for Katharine House cancer hospice near Banbury is to have a Hawaiian theme this year.

To encourage support for the walk, the KHH team is sending a Katharine House coconut bra on tour around the hospice's catchment area.

The tour kicked off on Monday of last week and the bra has already been around the hospice and out in to the local community.

People are invited to get their pictures added to the coconut bra tour gallery on social media.

The 500th walker to sign up will get to keep the bra and wear it for the walk should they so wish.

The walk – on Saturday, July 4 – starts at Banbury Cricket Club in Bodicote and follows a 10-mile circular route along well-marshalled and well-lit streets around Banbury. There is also the option to finish at Woodgreen Leisure Centre after completing six miles.

The event is open to adults and children aged 12 and over. Children under 17 must be accompanied by an adult. The entry fee is £15 which includes a T-shirt, medal and refreshments.

It is a sponsored event and all participants are asked to raise a minimum of £25 to help fund ongoing hospice care.

To register visit [khh.org.uk](http://khh.org.uk), email [sheila.norton@khh.org.uk](mailto:sheila.norton@khh.org.uk) or call the fundraising office on 01295 812161.

# St George's Day parade is girl guided to success

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FLAGS, owls, jesters and a small army of Guides took to the streets of Banbury to celebrate St George's Day.

Scores of youngsters, from all divisions and units of the Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Senior Section, made their way triumphantly through the town on Sunday for the annual St George's Day Parade.

It was the first time the Guides had taken over proceedings, after the North Oxfordshire Scouts decided to drop the event last year.

Catherine Blackburn, assistant Guider and district administrator from Deddington, organised the event. She said: "It was fantastic. We had a very good response. A lot of people stopped and watched the route round. You couldn't not hear us coming with the band. The sun shone for us as well."

Dressed in uniform and carrying flags, the girls made their way from Banbury town centre to St Mary's Church, Horse Fair, for a service. They also sang the national anthem and were joined by Banbury town mayor Sean Woodcock, who gave the traditional salute.

Mrs Blackburn's daughter, Lucy, six, is a Rainbow and joined in carrying a flag, which she then took to school for show and tell on Monday.

Mrs Blackburn said: "I feel relieved that it's over but really pleased with the way it went."

She added she was "fairly certain" the Guides would run something similar next year.

On St George's Day, last Thursday, Banbury Market underwent a surprise transformation. Alongside the usual fruit and vegetable stalls were some unexpected visitors: people in jester costume, and



Rosie England played the drum for The Shires Royal British Legion Youth Band, when members took part in this year's St George's Day parade through Banbury

a parliament of owls from an animal rescue group.

Digital content manager Deborah Menikoff, 28, of Cherwell Heights, went with her husband to buy groceries and came face-to-face with the beady-eyed birds of prey.

She said: "It ended up being about owls and cheese."

"They had bunting and flags, and extra antiques stalls. I think it was a really nice effort."

Other tasty additions to the market included stands from Barebones Pizza and Ceylon Spice, selling stone baked pizzas and Sri Lankan and Malaysian curries.

Meanwhile, schools also made sure they marked the day. Pupils from Year 2, 3, 4 and 5 and St John's Priory School, St John's Road, lined up in the playground holding coloured card to create an English flag. Nursery pupils also

made dragons and princesses from cardboard. Marketing and admissions officer Gemma Osborne said: "It got all of them really excited. It was something nice to do after they got back from Easter."

She added that she believed St George's Day was still an important tradition: "Certainly in our school we wanted to mark it and do something a bit different. It was certainly on our radar."



RIGHT: The 1st Barford and Deddington Rainbows  
FAR RIGHT: The 2nd Bloxham Brownies



## Pair jailed for knife attack on man

TWO men were told they "pose a serious risk to the public" when jailed for wounding with intent.

Ian Murray, 25, and Aaron Theodore, 20, were sentenced at Oxford Crown Court last Tuesday. Murray, of Roman Way, Bicester, pleaded guilty to one count of wounding with intent on December 16 last year.

Theodore, of Portland Road, Southall, also pleaded guilty to the same offence and admitted having an article with a blade or point on the same date.

Prosecuting, Jonathan Stone said victim Nathan Pound was walking into Banbury town centre with his girlfriend, when they were approached by the defendants at about 5pm.

He said Theodore was acting in an "aggressive manner" and holding a knife, and after following Mr Pound and his girlfriend into Nursery

Drive, he stabbed his victim in the leg.

Mr Stone said Mr Pound was then kicked by both Theodore and Murray after falling to the floor and felt a "severe blow" to the back of his head.

He added about £280 was taken from his wallet.

Mr Stone said Murray also admitted an assault with intent to rob the day before, when he attacked Reginald Jolliffe with a baseball bat, which left him needing 40 staples to mend a wound to the back of his head.

Defending Murray, Jenny Stone said Murray's difficult childhood had caused him to become "over-defensive of his friends".

She said whilst he had been remanded in custody, Murray had completed five courses and had volunteered with people unable to read or write.

She added: "There is remorse. Mr Murray accepts his actions. He feels guilty every day for what he has done."

Defending Theodore, Mark Dixon said Theodore was given the knife by somebody who owed him some money.

He added: "He was under the influence of drugs and alcohol on the day in question. He has been trying to extricate himself from a lifestyle that relied upon him working for other people. He does need help and supervision to make sure this stops. He does accept his part in what took place."

Judge Ian Pringle said both men "pose a serious risk to the public" and he gave them extended prison sentences.

Theodore was sentenced to five years and Murray nine years. Both will spend a further three years on licence after their sentences end.

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## Ideas wanted for future of youth centre

A DETERIORATING Bretch Hill community centre is "coming to the end of its life" and residents have been asked for ideas about its future.

The Hill Youth and Community Centre in Dover Avenue, Banbury, is in need of improvements and discussions are under way regarding its future. At a consultation event on Monday, residents were asked for ideas for the centre's future facilities.

Senior youth worker at The Hill centre Jo Dowden said: "We are delighted that recognition has been made of the fantastic support we offer to local young people and the wider community. Reinvestment in this facility will help us to continue to develop and deliver a full and diverse programme meeting local needs. "The consultation event was an important step on the journey."

Cherwell District Council director Karen Curtin, who is leading the project, said: "After some years, during which The Hill has deteriorated and suffered a serious decline, we can now look forward to a brighter future that will put this building back at the centre of the community.

"We are already putting together funding options and we hope to see work starting later this year with completion in the summer of 2016."

# Two-year ban for mum who missed signs

Woman drove the wrong way around junction roundabout

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A MOTHER was sentenced to a one-year community order after driving the wrong way around a roundabout near Banbury.

Marta Lysiak, of Bretch Hill, Banbury, pleaded guilty to dangerous driving and failing to provide an evidential specimen on November 15 last year.

The 29-year-old, who will have to carry out 150 hours of unpaid work, admitted driving the wrong way round the roundabout at Banbury's junction 11 on the M40 at about 8.40pm.

Prosecutor Naomi Perry told Oxford Crown



Judge Patrick Eccles

Court that police officers saw Lysiak, who was driving a black Vauxhall Vectra, "enter the M40 exit slip road against the flow of traffic".

Ms Perry said the part-time Aldi checkout assistant then failed a roadside breath test after being pulled over by officers and later refused to take a breath test at the police

station. She added the mother-of-one, who was in the car with her boyfriend, said she had visited friends in Chipping Norton and was "feeling ok to drive" after having two glasses of whisky.

Ms Perry said the Polish national, who has no driving qualifications in this country, said she had "missed" the road signs.

Defence barrister Robert Lindsey said Lysiak put her hazard warning lights on as soon as she realised she was driving incorrectly.

He added that Lysiak refused a breath test because she was in tears after being arrested.

Judge Patrick Eccles said: "It was a mistake but it was a serious one because of the danger it created."

Lysiak was given a two-year driving ban, ordered to pay £500 costs and will have to pay a £60 victim surcharge.

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# Tories looking to stay in control

Conservatives are hoping to keep control of district council that they have run since 2000

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CHERWELL District Council is controlled by the Conservative Party, and has been since 2000.

The party holds 40 of the 50 seats on the council, with seven held by Labour and two by the Liberal Democrats.

There is also one independent councillor.

The last election was held last year, when there were elections in 17 wards. The Conservatives and Lib Dems lost one seat each. Both were taken by Labour.

With 17 wards up for election again this time it's extremely unlikely the Conservatives will lose control of the council.

But the Lib Dems will be hoping they don't suffer any further losses after dropping to two seats in 2014.

Unlike some of the other district councils in the county there is not a strong tradition of independent councillors or representation of smaller parties such as the Green Party or UKIP.

But a considerable number of candidates from those parties are contesting wards this time around and will be hoping to benefit from the growth in support they have experienced nationally.

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# Search is on for a successor to Sir Tony in historically safe seat

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**BANBURY** constituency has roots dating back to 1554 and was a Liberal seat from the mid 19th century until 1922 when it was won by the Conservatives.

The party has held the seat ever since and Sir Tony Baldry has represented it since 1983.

Sir Tony stood down from Parliament when it was dissolved earlier this month [April] and six candidates are hoping to replace him.

Conservative candidate Victoria Prentis will hope to keep the seat in Tory hands and can build on Sir Tony's 2010 majority of 18,227.

The Liberal Democrats were in second place, with Labour in third.

None of the six candidates this time around contested the seat in 2010.

Ms Prentis said: "I bring not just a love for the area but an ability to promote our interests.

"If elected I will be a full-time MP with no other job.

"I believe in personal freedom, and the ability to decide how we are governed is a key part of that belief.

"We last had a referendum on the EU when I was four. I support renegotiation of our relationship and an in/out referendum."

Oxfordshire county councillor and education expert John Howson is running for the Liberal Democrats, who came second in the seat in 2010.

He said: "If elected, I will fight for the people across the constituency in what will be a challenging time at Westminster.

"As an experienced teacher, civil servant, business person, and a dedicated user of public transport, I will be a full-time MP with the constituency's needs always uppermost in my mind."

Labour is also fielding a county councillor at the election,



Victoria Prentis will be hoping to succeed Sir Tony Baldry as Tory MP for Banbury, while John Howson is standing for the Lib Dems, who were second last time



with Sean Woodcock replacing long-time candidate Les Sibley who stood for the party in 2001, 2005 and 2010.

Mr Woodcock, who was born in Banbury, said: "In a world where more and more wealth is in the hands of a tiny minority, I want a fairer and more equal society.

"I am a local man, not a career politician. I want to serve the best interests of all in our community and the area I love."

He said he would defend NHS hospitals in Banbury and Bicester and would protect the local landscape and environment if elected.

UKIP was fourth in the constituency in 2010 and has selected Dickie Bird to stand for

election on May 7.

The Royal Green Jackets veteran said: "May 7 is your opportunity to make a real change to the Banbury constituency."

The Green Party is being represented by businessman Ian Middleton.

He said: "The Green Party represents the only currently acceptable alternative to the entrenched political elite."

The constituency is also being contested by the National Health Action Party, which was founded in 2012 to campaign against privatisation of the NHS.

The party's candidate Roseanne Edwards said: "This election is about the kind of society we want to live in."

## WHO IS STANDING IN BANBURY

### DICKIE BIRD (UKIP)

Mr Bird is 48 years old and lives in Upper Heyford with his partner. He moved to the area while serving with the Royal Green Jackets and stayed there after he left the army in 2007. He joined UKIP in 2009 and became chairman of the Banbury branch of the party in 2013. He said his constituents would be his priority if he was elected.

### VICTORIA PRENTIS (CONSERVATIVE)

Ms Prentis was born at the Horton General Hospital and grew up in Aynho. She qualified as a barrister in 1995 and then worked in the Civil Service as a lawyer for 17 years. She was chairman of the Oxford Hospital Trust's Benefactors' Board for nine years and was a churchwarden. She lives in Somerton and has campaigned against the HS2 railway line and the Ardley Wind turbines.

### SEAN WOODCOCK (LABOUR)

Mr Woodcock was born in Banbury and went to school there before studying at the University of Birmingham. He is a member of Unison and the Co-operative Party and was elected as leader of the Labour Group on Cherwell District Council in 2013. He said he would campaign for an economy which works for everyone and will be a full-time MP.

### ROSEANNE EDWARDS (NATIONAL HEALTH ACTION)

Ms Edwards is a journalist at the *Banbury Guardian* and a mother of four. She is a keen horse trainer and charity worker and raised money for Romanian orphans in the 1990s as well as organising four Strictly Bicester ballroom competitions. She is opposed to spending cuts which she claims will take Britain back to the 1930s, before the welfare state.

### JOHN HOWSON (LIBERAL DEMOCRATS)

Prof Howson has lived in Oxfordshire since 1979 and stood as a candidate for the Lib Dems in Reading East in 2005. He is a former teacher, civil servant and then set up his own company in 1997. He has written more than 500 columns about education as well as serving as a governor of four different schools.

### IAN MIDDLETON (GREEN PARTY)

Mr Middleton is a businessman, writer, columnist and advocate for human and animal rights. He wants to make sure house building and business developments in the constituency have positive outcomes and benefits for people and businesses in the constituency. He believes that the Green Party is the only party which is an attractive alternative to the Westminster elite.

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## Superheroes raise cash for brave James

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Now, James's determination has inspired other staff at Castle Quay to raise money for the SCAT Bone Cancer Trust, a bone cancer research charity.

On Friday, the team donned superhero fancy dress and walked the mall with collection boxes. Together they raised £173 in donations and James himself came after school to help out, looking sharp as the Green Lantern.

Recently the team also took part in the Wolf Run at Warwick, a 10k off-road run packed with natural and man-made obstacles, and raised £150.



Castle Quay staff dress up to raise funds

# Celebrations for decade of nursery rhyme statue

Sculpture has attracted the public and tourists from all over the world since 2005

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TEN years after the exquisite bronze visage of Banbury's Fine Lady statue was cast, she remains an English tourist institution.

Appearing as the Queen of the May - rather than Broughton Castle family member Celia Fiennes, contrary to the popular myth - the statue references the classic nursery rhyme 'Ride a Cock Horse to Banbury Cross' and celebrated its 10th anniversary on Monday.

It has dominated the landscape alongside the Banbury Cross monument since its unveiling on April 27, 2005, by the then Princess Anne.

It took five years to raise the £170,000 needed for the statue, which was sculpted in Stoke on Trent and cast in the Welsh village of Llanrhaedr Ym Mochnant.

Banbury photographer Rosy Burke, who was on the Fine Lady Appeal Committee led by Jack Friswell, said on Monday: "It's

extraordinary how the public and the tourists are drawn to it.

"There were 12 Americans who visited the Fine Lady yesterday. This morning, there was a Burmese woman there.

"I took a posy of flowers and attached a card to the statue's foot."

Every detail on the Fine Lady tells its own story. 'Fine' itself comes from Finn, an old English word meaning 'White'.

Flowers in particular take on a great significance; the seven bluebells on her toes denote constancy and the days of the week, and the 13 flowers in her crown represent the 13 months of the year in the ancient calendar. Petals scattered from her hand bring prosperity.

There are also four white cob horseshoes buried within the Horton stone plinth, which is decorated with the famous nursery rhyme.

Ms Burke added that during the production process she had brought the sculptors a bunch of daffodils, which they then dipped in hot wax and fixed to the Fine Lady's floral head dress. When the bronze was cast the leaves turned to ashes that will remain a part of the statue for centuries.

She said: "I photographed the project all the way through to the installation. It was such an exciting day; it went mad on the Twit-



Banbury's bronze Fine Lady statue, celebrating its 10th anniversary

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## Verdicts from magistrates' courts around the county

■ **PAUL HUGHES**, 31, of The Drive, Enstone, admitted three counts of fraud by false representation by other people's cards to dishonestly obtain £3,460.18 cashback between February 14 last year and May 31 last year. Community order made with 200 hours of unpaid work and he was told to pay £3,460.18 compensation, a £60 victims' surcharge and £85 costs.

■ **BRENNAN MARLES**, 27, of High Street, Hook Norton, admitted possessing cocaine, a Class-A drug, in Banbury on February 8. Fined £240 and told to pay a £24 victims' surcharge and £85 costs.

■ **JOSEPH SANTOS**, 27, of West Street, Banbury, admitted stealing a bicycle worth £1,000 and a bicycle worth £1,300 from Market Place in Banbury on August 17. Also admitted stealing a bicycle worth £150 from Lockheed Close in Banbury on August 13. A further 15 offences taken into consideration. Given a 12-week prison sentence suspended for two years because of his previous record of offending. Told to pay £1,003.30 compensation.

■ **DALE ALLAN**, 28, of Portal Drive South, Upper Heyford, admitted driving without insurance in Townsend, Marsh Gibbon, on May 18. No driving disqualification because he is a self-employed builder and would not be able to work with-

out a licence, as well as having a son he has to pick up from school. Given six points on licence and told to pay a £450 fine, a £45 victims' surcharge and £85 costs.

■ **FAYE NOONAN**, 32, of Vicarage Court, Calthorpe Road, Banbury, admitted possessing a Class-B drug in Banbury on September 24. Also admitted failing to surrender to Banbury Magistrates' Court on March 2. Given a 12-month conditional discharge and told to pay a £15 victims' surcharge and £25 costs.

■ **CLAIRE LASKO**, 62, of High Street, Chipping Norton, admitted speeding at 35mph in a 30mph zone in Buckinghamshire, on April 29, 2014. Fined £395 and ordered to pay a victim's surcharge of £40 and £85 costs. Driving licence endorsed with three points.

■ **TAMMY BAIRD**, 34, of Edmunds Road, Banbury, admitted stealing two bottles of wine worth £17.98 from a Co-op store in Banbury, on January 28. Also admitted stealing meat products worth £50 from a Morrisons Local store in South Bar Street, Banbury, on February 15. Ordered to do 20 days rehabilitation, pay £67.98 compensation and pay £60 victims' surcharge.

■ **RUTH WESTACOTT DALE**, 67, of Newcombe Close, Milcombe, admitted drink-driving on March 2 in Bloxham. Had 52mcg of alcohol



in 100ml of breath, above the legal limit of 35mcg. Given a 14-month driving ban and told to pay a £150 fine, a £20 victims' surcharge and £85 costs.

■ **DAVID JAMES**, 55, of Foundry Street, Banbury, admitted stealing meat from a Co-operative food store in Longlands Way, Banbury, on December 7. Given a 12-month conditional discharge and ordered to pay a £15 victim's surcharge and £35 costs.

■ **JASON EDMUNDS**, 18, of Mawle Court, Banbury, was convicted of travelling on a CrossCountry

railway service between York and Banbury on October 3 without paying the £83.50 fare. Fined £400 and ordered to pay £83.50 compensation, a £40 victims' surcharge and £125 costs.

■ **SHAWN MILLER**, 37, of Middleton Road, Banbury, admitted obstructing a constable in the execution of his duty in Middleton Road, Banbury, on March 22. Fined £365 and ordered to pay a £37 victims' surcharge and £85 costs.

■ **MARCIN MURAWSKI**, 29, of Withycombe Drive, Banbury, admitted using threatening or abusive words or behaviour in Banbury High Street on March 29. Fined £105 and ordered to pay a £20 victims' surcharge and £85 costs.

■ **SABRINA SELLS**, 31, of Bridge Street, Banbury, admitted stealing DVDs worth £51.96 from WHSmiths, Banbury, on March 31. Ordered to attend drug rehabilitation and pay a £60 victims' surcharge and £40 costs.

■ **EDWARD WILKOWSKI**, 36, of Schofields Way, Bloxham, admitted drink-driving in Oxford Road, Banbury, on March 25. Had 42mcg of alcohol in 100ml of breath, above the legal limit of 35mcg. Also admitted possessing cannabis (a Class-B drug) at the same incident. Given a 12-month driving ban and fined £220. Also ordered

to pay £22 victims' surcharge and £85 costs.

■ **WAYNE BOOTH**, 34, of Foundry Street, Banbury, admitted failing to provide a breath specimen when suspected of committing a driving offence in Banbury on March 28. Given an 18-month driving ban and ordered to carry out 60 hours of unpaid work. Also ordered to pay a £60 victims' surcharge and £85 costs.

■ **MARCIN WIERZBA**, 33, of Woodfield, Banbury, admitted drink-driving in Banbury on March 28. Had 123 mcg of alcohol in 100ml of breath, above the legal limit of 35mcg. Given a 12-week prison sentence, suspended for 24 months, a 30-month driving ban, a £80 victims' surcharge and £85 costs.

■ **QUINTIN HORNE**, 53, of High Street, Beckley, admitted drink-driving in Union Street, Woodstock, on March 14. Had 77mcg of alcohol in 100ml of breath, above the legal limit of 35mcg. Given an 18-month driving ban, fined £110 and a £20 victims' surcharge.

■ **REECE WESTON**, 23, of Hailey Road, Chipping Norton, admitted being drunk and disorderly in Hailey Road, Chipping Norton, on March 14. Given a 12-month conditional discharge and ordered to pay £15 victims' surcharge and £50 costs.

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# Pub could still be demolished, despite reprieve



The Duke of Wellington pub

A LITTLE time has been bought for the Duke of Wellington pub in Banbury, which could still be demolished.

An application was submitted to Cherwell District Council earlier this month to knock down the building in Warwick Road, which is between 150 and 200 years old and locally listed.

But a council spokesman said the application had been invalid because it was missing a Provision of Heritage statement. If it was resubmitted

with the statement included, demolition may yet go ahead.

Rob Kinchin-Smith, chairman of the Banbury Civic Society, said: "It would be a true loss.

"We have previously proposed the conservation area should include bits of Neithrop. Most of it was swept away in the First World War. Not only is the Duke of Wellington an interesting building in the Warwick Road, but it's the last Neithrop pub."

Located just west of Banbury town centre, Neithrop was the

industrial driver of Banbury in the 18th century and the site of Lampitt and Co's Vulcan Foundry. The Banbury town workhouse used to stand opposite the Duke of Wellington, but was demolished in the 1980s.

The Duke of Wellington achieved notoriety as a focal point of the machine-breaking riots in the 1870s. If the pub is knocked down it would be turned into an apartment block, with six two-bedroom and two one-bedroom properties.

Mr Kinchin-Smith added: "We are going to need a balance between homes and heritage."

Linda Pennington, of Hairways hairdressers in Warwick Road, said: "Most of the neighbours around here aren't happy."

Banbury town councillor Steve Kilsby, who represents Neithrop South, said it was "appalling" the pub was under threat. He added: "It's a real landmark in the town and one of the few old buildings in the area."



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## Life-saver on the way



Community Trust worker Martin Fagin shows the defibrillator to Lions chairman Ian Wilson

Defibrillator is set to be installed this summer after fundraising drive

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THE first public-access defibrillator in Banbury is within touching distance after a target of more than £1,000 was raised at a concert.

More than 100 people filled the Marlborough Road Church on Saturday after The Banbury Lions, a service club, organised the event to raise the £2,000 needed to install the device in Banbury Market Place.

Community Trust worker Martin Fagin, who brought along a defibrillator, was on hand to show the crowd how to use the device.

Chairman Ian Wilson, who has been a member of Banbury Lions for 11 years, said they hope it will be installed this summer.

Mr Wilson, who lives in Banbury, said: "We raised £1,011 and it was great night.

"The singers Impromptu were really professional and the defibrillator was shown around, which was a really big success.

"The plan is to get them round Banbury town centre and we hope the first one will be installed in the summer.

"He showed how if someone has a heart attack we have got to get to them quickly.

"We raised the first £1,000 through a series of raffles and a copper street mile of coins collection, where we put tape on the floor and asked the public to put coins in a line in Castle Quay shopping centre in Banbury.

"We even had support from the Truro Lions and I thought it was brilliant that all the Lions clubs were coming together.

"The people who attended the event on the night were really impressed by the defibrillator."

According to Mr Wilson, the next move for the Lions will be to send the application to Community Heartbeat Trust.

The Lions will then speak to Banbury Town Council about where to locate the defibrillator in Market Place.

Once this has been agreed, Mr Wilson said the club will need to speak to planning officers ahead of its proposed installation this summer.

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## Cartoon show opens

**BANBURY:** An exhibition featuring the works of cartoonists and caricaturists over the past 150 years opened on Saturday.

*Bring Me Laughter* brings together the collection of Bodicote residents George and Pat Walker, who built up one of the finest collections in Britain over 60 years.

The works by the likes of Anton, Jonathan Cusick and Disney Studio have only been shown before at London's Cartoon Museum. There are jokes on artistic and royal themes, political cartoons and social observations.

The exhibition at Banbury Museum, Castle Quay, runs until Saturday, July 4. Entry is free. For more information, visit [banburymuseum.org](http://banburymuseum.org)

## Nominations wanted

**BANBURY:** Nominations for the Banbury Town Council community and volunteer awards close tomorrow.

The awards recognise people who have given their time to benefit others in the town and help make Banbury a better place to live and work.

There will be awards handed out for charity of the year, volunteer of the year and young volunteer of the year.

Those who win will be invited to collect their awards at a town council meeting on May 12.

To find out more, contact Tricia Campbell by emailing [tricia.campbell@banbury.gov.uk](mailto:tricia.campbell@banbury.gov.uk)

## Flower show planned

**BANBURY:** Applications are now open for exhibitions at the 2015 Banbury Flower and Produce Show.

This year's event will be held on Sunday, August 9, and anyone who wants to show off their flowers, fruit and vegetables should put their name forward now. There will also be space for exhibitors of baking and preserves and arts and crafts.

To find out more, email [info@banbury.gov.uk](mailto:info@banbury.gov.uk) or call 01295 250340.

## Allotments available

**BANBURY:** Allotments are now available for people in the town looking to grow their own vegetables.

Several half-plots, each measuring 14m by 7m, are up for rent at Banbury Town Council's Sinclair Avenue site. The cost for each is £12 per annum in advance.

Allotments officer Alison Aydin said: "Allotments can provide many hours of enjoyment and give you wonderfully fresh vegetables and other produce."

Plots will be issued on a first-come first-served basis. Anyone interested should contact Mrs Aydin at Banbury Town Hall on 01295 250340.

## Recycling report

**N.OXON:** A high proportion of people in Cherwell are effectively using their home recycling bins, according to a study.

The council's annual energy and environment survey seeks to learn more about residents' waste and recycling habits, as well as attitudes to renewable energy. Four hundred people took part in the 20-question online questionnaire this year, which ended in January.

Overall, 93 per cent said they filled their blue bin by collection day.

Blue bins are used by Cherwell for most recyclable waste, including paper, cardboard, tin foil and plastic packaging.

One of Cherwell's aims is to keep as much rubbish out of the green bins – for general waste – as possible.

In the same survey, 27 per cent said it now took a month for them to fill the green one.

Andrew Jenkins, Cherwell's recycling officer, said: "This survey is a great way to find out from residents what is working, what isn't and what we can do to improve things."

# Madrassa can continue to run, say councillors

Outbuilding can be used as an Islamic school after change of use granted

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AN ISLAMIC school with prayer facilities can continue to operate in Banbury, Cherwell district councillors have ruled.

Last November, a planning application was submitted by a Mr Mohamed Hanif, requesting the change of use of a domestic outbuilding at 57 Park Road to a madrassa.

Part of the next-door property, 55 Park Road, has already functioned as a madrassa for some time. The application also proposed to retain it and add prayer facilities.

Planning officer Emily Shaw told committee members that last October, it emerged the building at the back of No.55 was being used as a madrassa and place of worship.

It was decided that this constituted a change of use without planning permission.

Opposition came from Banbury town councillor Steve Kilsby, who

represents the Neithrop ward in Banbury, where the buildings are located.

He said: "Several residents of Park Road object to the application."

Citing excessive noise from playing children and adults coming to the site, he added: "The buildings were designed as residential homes, in a residential street."

Councillor Colin Clarke said the site was situated within "quite a large" Muslim community and so traffic congestion was unlikely as the majority would probably travel on foot.

He also said the Woodgreen leisure centre behind the buildings created far more disruption.

The change of use to a madrassa was approved on the condition that acoustic fencing be provided and there be a limit on numbers attending.

Mr Alyas Ahmed, previously a councillor for the Neithrop ward, confirmed that a madrassa had run at No. 55 for many years.

He said after-school classes were run for children aged from five to 16 and included basic Quran studies and Arabic.

According to the application, the outbuilding will be used as a madrassa between 11am and 1pm every day, and the classroom at number 55 between 4.30pm and 6.30pm.



Park Road, Banbury, where a house will be used as an Islamic school



Julia Colegrave and her daughter, Lizzie, cut asparagus

## Asparagus season in full swing

ASPARAGUS season is in full swing, with farmers across Oxfordshire now cutting and packaging the vegetables for sale.

At Wykham Park Farm, near Banbury, the Colegrave family expect to pick more than 50 tonnes this year.

Lizzie Colegrave, 28, said: "It's an exciting time, because it suddenly feels like the start of summer, and there is also a lot of enthusiasm among customers for English asparagus."

## Learn how to play golf for free

GOLF beginners have the chance to be put through their paces in a free four-week introductory course.

The sessions will run from Sunday, May 10, and take place weekly at the Hillside Farm Range, Bloxham.

They are being offered by Cherwell District Council, which has teamed up with Professional Golfers Association member Tom Jones and the golf club to offer the courses to people aged over 18.

This forms part of the council's Go Active initiative to create more sporting opportunities for adults.

Ian Davies, Cherwell's director for community and environment, said: "Golf is a fantastic way for people to get outdoors and get fit but, unlike other sports, doesn't require a huge level of fitness or stamina to take part."

"This course will give people the opportunity to learn from a professional golfer how to play the game, and perfect techniques without bearing expensive tuition costs."

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# Heroes finally honoured

Veterans from Arctic Convoys rewarded with their medals

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SIR Winston Churchill once described it as "the worst journey in the world".

Now, more than 70 years later, the men who made the incredible voyage have finally been honoured.

Oxfordshire veterans who served on the Arctic Convoys in the Second World War were among those honoured last Thursday at Oxford Town Hall by the Russian government for their part in defeating the Nazis.

Among them were Arthur Merritt, of Banbury; Stanley Cooper, Bodicote; Alwyn Spencer, Banbury and John Smith from Chipping Norton.

An emotional ceremony saw Russian diplomat Alexander Kramarenko refer to the men as "brothers" before presenting them with medals.

Between August 1941 and May 1945 there were 78 convoys involving more than 1,400 merchant ships



The Arctic Convoy veterans proudly stand for national anthems at the Oxford Town Hall ceremony

delivering essential supplies from the UK, Iceland, and America to the northern-most parts of Russia.

Thousands of Allied troops lost their lives as the British ships sailed across the Arctic Ocean under a constant threat from German U-boats and aircraft. The veterans also received a special commemorative medal marking the 70th anniversary of the end of the war.



Veteran Basil King shows off his medal



Holding his Ushakov medal high

## A canoe course to float your boat

A CANOE and kayak course begins in Banbury next month at a discounted price.

The Cherwell Canoe Club is launching the course, starting on May 13 in Woodgreen Leisure Centre, in partnership with Cherwell District Council.

The summer programme, open to people aged from eight to 25, will teach the basics of canoeing and kayaking as well as safety principles.

It runs for five weeks, with an assessment at the end, and includes a year's club membership. There will also be a chance to take part on a local river trip.

Club membership gives users access to Wednesday evening pool sessions, free coaching and social activities.

Ian Davies, Cherwell's director of community and environment, said: "This course is about giving people the chance to try something new."

"This course is a great way for people to try something different and get active without having to break the bank."

The activity forms part of the Sportivate programme, a £56m Lottery-funded London 2012 legacy project which provides sport opportunities for young people.

Course fees are £10 for people aged eight to 16 and £15 for 17- to 25-year-olds.

For more information email [courses@cherwellcc.org.uk](mailto:courses@cherwellcc.org.uk) or call 07887 777632. For those unable to attend, another course will be held from June 24.

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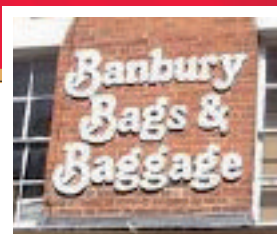
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## Marvel's misfits battle new foe and win at box office

### AVENGERS: AGE OF ULTRON

(12A, 141 mins)

AS the roaring success of last year's *Guardians Of The Galaxy* confirmed, our appetite for films set in the Marvel Comics universe is voracious.

This eagerly anticipated sequel to the 2012 action adventure *Avengers Assemble* is poised to smash box office records with the same unstoppable clobber of a rampaging Incredible Hulk.

Director Joss Whedon is back at the helm to lay the narrative groundwork for the 2016 blockbuster, *Captain America: Civil War*, which will tear the eponymous team apart as governments worldwide prepare to pass an act regulating superhuman activity.

In many respects, *Avengers: Age Of Ultron* is business as usual.

Whedon's film fleshes out the back stories of existing characters, introduces new friends and foes, and continues the relentless cross-pollination of this menagerie of mighty misfits.

Marvel Comics chairman Stan Lee makes his traditional cameo and Whedon's script glisters with polished one-liners, including one gem to pithily illustrate how quickly an evil artificial intelligence can infect the World Wide Web: "He's spreading faster than a Catholic rabbit."

While the sequel delivers exactly what we expect, it lacks some of the pizzazz of the first film and pacing noticeably sags in the middle, plus overly enthusiastic editing of set pieces reduces some skirmishes to an incomprehensible blur, which strain the eyes in 3D.

In the breathless action sequence which opens the film, the Avengers storm a Hydra stronghold in the central European city of Sokovia under the control of Baron von Strucker (Thomas Kretschmann) in order to reclaim Loki's magical staff, the Chitauri Scepter.

During the melee, emotionally scarred siblings Wanda (Elizabeth Olsen) and Pietro Maximoff (Aaron Taylor-Johnson), who have been subjected to secret Hydra experiments, are



Scarlett Johansson as Black Widow in *Avengers: Age Of Ultron*

Picture: PA Photo/Jay Maidment/Marvel 2015

unleashed. Wanda infects the mind of Tony Stark (Robert Downey Jr), using her dark sorcery to convince the billionaire he will bring about the deaths of the entire team.

Tormented by his nightmarish vision, Stark plans to harness the power of the Chitauri Scepter to awaken a dormant artificial intelligence program to protect mankind.

Instead, Stark unwittingly unleashes the villainous Ultron (voiced by James Spader).

Steve Evans aka Captain America (Chris Evans) clashes with Stark for control of the Avengers comprising Thor (Chris Hemsworth), Natasha Romanov aka Black Widow (Scarlett Johansson), Banner aka The Incredible Hulk and Clint Barton aka Hawkeye (Jeremy Renner).

Rivalries intensify and fragile bonds of trust fray as mankind's survival hangs in the balance. Thankfully, the Avengers have a new, yet familiar, ally: an android called Vision (Paul Bettany). Marvel films have a habit of sneaking a teaser into the end credits.

*Age Of Ultron* doesn't disappoint the ardent fan boys and girls on this front either.

## CakeWhat's on THEATRE

### SATURDAY

**Old Fire Station, George Street, Oxford:** *Science Oxford: The Curiosity Show*. 11am. To celebrate The Oxford Trust's 30th anniversary, Science Oxford presents a whistle-stop tour of some of their family show highlights from the past 30 years. The show will feature plenty of demos to delight and surprise – from blowing bubbles with a CD to using a water droplet and a laser to make a microscope and even a fire tornado. Come and enjoy this interactive family game show, complete with electronic voting and star prizes. See: [oldfirestation.org.uk/event/the-curiosity-show/](http://oldfirestation.org.uk/event/the-curiosity-show/). £6. 01865 263980.

**Old Fire Station, George Street, Oxford:** *Storm in a Teacup*. 8pm. This darkly comic and cartoon-like piece is a window into the quirky and tender Chaplinesque world of three sisters in their 80s as they

fight the system to keep their independence. See: [oldfirestation.org.uk/event/storm-in-a-teacup/](http://oldfirestation.org.uk/event/storm-in-a-teacup/). £13, concessions £11. 01865 263980.

### MONDAY

**Albion Beatnik Bookshop, 34 Walton Street, Oxford:** *Fairytales for Fearless Adults*. 8pm. Come and be transported to another place with stories of luck and love by celebrated performer Neil Phoenix. He tells of a land where the wind has sharp teeth and rough hands and a kiss plays tricks on mis-remembering. Wine/soft drinks during the interval. £8, £6.

**Dorchester Abbey, High St, Dorchester on Thames:** *Bo Peep Children's Theatre*. 1pm. Magnificent puppets, fantastic scenery and lots of music and singing. Especially created for children ages two to seven years. See: [dorchesterfestival.com](http://dorchesterfestival.com). £3 - £15 (family). 0333 6663366.

### TUESDAY

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Mark Ruffalo and Robert Downey Jr  
*Avengers: Age Of Ultron*



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DESPAIR: Banbury United boss Paul Davis saw his side relegated

## Final-day loss is nail in the coffin

Ten-man Banbury relegated by away loss

BANBURY United's 11-year stay in the Premier Division of the Southern League came to an end on Saturday with defeat at Chesham United, writes MATTHEW BRUCE.

The Puritans needed to win and hope that Frome Town lost at home to St Neots Town to complete what would have been a great escape.

But after being reduced to ten men with the dismissal of Joel Meade, Banbury's survival bid was extinguished when Dave Pearce struck a late winner, while Frome drew 1-1.

Chesham Utd	1
Banbury Utd	0

In their urgency to make an early breakthrough, Banbury resorted to pumping long balls forward towards diminutive strike duo Kynan Isaac and Leam Howards.

But these were easily dealt with by a Chesham backline, which included on-loan Oxford United youngster Robbie Cundy.

Substitute Jacob Walcott had a good chance moments after his introduction, but with the goal at his mercy he inexplicably

attempted to square it to Isaac, who was unable to reach his wayward pass.

Tensions boiled over late on with a clash between Meade and Nick Besant in the area, which saw the Banbury man sent off.

The final nail in the coffin came three minutes into stoppage time when Pearce curled a left-footed shot into the bottom corner of the net.

**Banbury Utd:** Bedwell, Daffern (Fishwick 87), Martin, Meade, Westbrook, Ryan, Green, Murombedzi (Walcott 65), Howards, Isaac, Abdellah. Subs not used: Cray, Browne, Tappin.

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Apr 20-May 20

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Oct 23-Nov 21

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### CANCER

Jun 21-Jul 22

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Jul 23-Aug 22

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### VIRGO

Aug 23-Sep 22

Children and younger people appear to take up much of your time and thoughts and you may have to go out of your way in order to facilitate their needs. Try not to spend money unnecessarily, as a major expense coming up in the next few weeks will make you wish you hadn't. Someone you don't want to spend time with is encroaching on your space. Take a stand. Ring now for confidence.

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### PISCES

Feb 19-Mar 20

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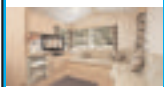
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AN OVERWHELMING majority of drivers believe that parking at motorway service stations should be free. A huge 97 per cent of those polled said they think no charges for parking should be levied at motorway services beyond the mandatory two-hour free parking period. Currently, anyone who overstays the two-hour limit at the majority of motorway service stations is liable through the use of ANPR cameras for a fine of up to £100.

# Adam takes on a mighty challenge

## Auto facts

Model: Vauxhall ADAM ROCKS Air  
Price: £16,695  
Insurance group: 10E  
Fuel consumption (Combined): 55.4mpg  
Top speed: 121mph  
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Width: 172cm/67.7in  
Luggage capacity: Six cu ft  
Fuel tank capacity: 8.3 gallons/38 litres  
CO2 emissions: 119g/km  
Warranty: Three years/60,000 miles

By David Duffy  
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IF you plan to take on the might of the Mini then you need to raise your game.

And the super-successful, Oxford-built phenomenon is clearly the target Vauxhall has in its sights with its funky new supermini.

Like BMW's Mini, Vauxhall's Adam Rocks Air spells its name with shouty capital letters which have no place in print.

And like the Mini and the Fiat 500, the Adam Rocks makes personalising the car a major feature. Described as an urban mini-crossover the car is designed to stand out from the crowd. That's achieved with a range of bold exterior colours and lots of protective, anthracite-coloured cladding.

It gets even more interesting inside with the availability of peanut-coloured fabric/Morrocana seats and door panels, leather steering wheel, gearshift and handbrake in the same colour, and a Surf décor trim.

You can go for Coffee Bean design – rich dark brown seats in a black cabin trimmed with bright blue stitching. All this funky modernity rides on a chassis that has been lifted by



The Vauxhall ADAM ROCKS AIR

15mm, with parts of the chassis modified or retuned – including dampers, springs, rear suspension, and steering.

The higher, wider looks are matched by a choice of whopping great 17-inch or 18-inch alloy wheels.

Vauxhall was keen to make this car an open-air hit for the summer, so up top is a three-layer, folding canvas roof with a neoprene centre that opens up the cabin to the elements in about seven seconds. The downside is that at motorway speeds the noise level becomes intrusive.

The test car sat on optional 18-

inch alloy wheels which deliver a decidedly choppy ride on less-than-perfect road surfaces.

Much better news lies under the bonnet where power comes from Vauxhall's brilliant new 1.0-litre three-cylinder petrol engine. Delivering more than 100 horsepower, this punchy little power plant offers swift acceleration, effortless cruising and the potential to deliver more than 50mpg in day-to-day use.

But, remember, for less than the price of the Adam Rocks, you could get behind the wheel of an Austrian-built Mini Countryman.

## Second-hand market

### Safety systems an essential option

LANE departure, blind spot monitoring and intelligent braking systems are set to become the next "essential options" in executive cars and potentially important if second-hand values are to be maximised, predicts the motor trade's price guide.

Steve Jackson, chief car editor of *Glass's*, said active safety systems were growing more significant in the eyes of many used car buyers.

He said: "There is a list of features that used executive car buyers expect, whether they were original standard equipment or optional extras – leather, satnav, Bluetooth, multifunction steering wheels and so on.

"We believe that the active safety systems that have started to be fitted to cars over the last few years are set to join this list.

Initially very expensive, they are starting to fall in price and, at the same time, consumer awareness is growing. Crucially, there is a 'buzz' around them. It is now quite common to hear friend-of-a-friend stories about how someone would've had a serious accident if they hadn't had one of these systems fitted to their car. People are starting to move through a process of expecting them to be fitted."

Mr Jackson said that the fleet market, with its emphasis on duty

of care, was playing a large part in helping to popularise these systems. "If you have a group of drivers who cover a lot of motorway miles, it makes sense to tick the box to order a lane departure system from a risk management point of view. For some employers, this is becoming standard practice and, in due course, these cars are making their way on to the used market."

For *Glass's*, he added, the main question was which of the safety systems now available on new cars would become a requirement, suggesting that blind spot monitors may well be viewed as essential.

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